

MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 04-02-90-90

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVIEWAL TEAM TO EVALUATE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

- WHEREAS, The Mille Lacs Band Assembly (Reservation Business Committee) is the duly elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians fully authorized to act on behalf of its members; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band is a constituent Band of the consortium known as the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT); and,
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Legislative Subcommittee of the MCT did meet on July 6, 1990, and recommends Tribal Executive Committee approval of a resolution seeking to establish a Review Team to evaluate all functions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Minnesota Agency and Minneapolis Area Offices (resolution attached); and,
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee will meet on August 2, 1990, and act on the aforementioned resolution; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians entered into the five year Self-Governance Demonstration Project in 1987 for the purpose of demonstrating to Congress that a tribe can perform most functions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to a degree which is far more beneficial to the tribe and at a savings to the federal government; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians has recently completed a three year study within the Self-Governance Demonstration Project which includes in-depth research of the functions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices at both the Area and Agency levels; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has determined that the Minneapolis Area Office is the most underfunded area of the Bureau of Indian Affairs nationwide, with agreement by the Department of Interior; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has determined that various members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe are receiving funding for approximately \$112 per member while other tribes nationwide receive funding between \$1,000 and \$3,000; and,
- WHEREAS, the study also determined that the several Bands serviced by the Minnesota Agency Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs do not benefit by most functions performed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and,

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WHEREAS, the study determined that several Bands serviced by the Minnesota Agency only receive approximately 16% of congressionally appropriated funding in direct funding while the other 84% is meant to benefit those Bands by means of "services", which calculated into an approximate \$20,000 per hour on-reservation hourly service rate for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band considers the ideals of self-governance, sovereignty, and eventual self-sufficiency as the most central ideals to any concept of Self-Determination and has made a commitment to striving toward those ideals; and,

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band is concerned that a contract entered into by the MCT to evaluate the functions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs may be dollars spent on duplicating much research already available; however, the Band Assembly does support the need for further research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians supports the establishment of a Review Team for the purpose of evaluating the functions performed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Agency and Area levels of the BIA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band strongly recommends that the TEC utilize the very current research completed by the Mille Lacs Band for the benefit of all member Bands of the consortium known as the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that any such Review Team which is established be organized through the TEC and not consist of staff of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, but only of independent staff with representation from each of the member Bands of the consortium known as the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Chief Executive to be affixed to this resolution and forwarded to the Band Assembly for concurrence.



Arthur Gahbow, Chief Executive


WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of Legislators being present held on the 31st day of July, 1990 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of
3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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In concurrence with the action of the Chief Executive, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the hand of the Speaker of Assembly to this resolution.



Marge Anderson, Speaker of Assembly

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